

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1905

By Mr. Casey of Winchester (by request), petition of Stephen Edgell for legislation to protect pedestrians and animals from undetected live electric wiring on public walkways and streets. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT SAFEGUARDING AGAINST UNDETECTED LIVE ELECTRICAL WIRING ON METROPOLITAN AREA WALKWAYS AND STREETS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or  
2 rule or regulation to the contrary, the executive office of public  
3 safety shall conduct a full review of underground wires operated  
4 currently or formerly by municipal electricity providers. Said  
5 review shall be conducted with the full compliance and participa-  
6 tion of said electricity providers, and shall completely identify all  
7 live and potentially live electrical currents in the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. In the event that live, previously undocumented  
2 underground wires are revealed, said electricity provider shall  
3 take immediate steps to safeguard and, if necessary, halt power to  
4 said live underground wires.